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QUESTIONS POSED BY THE UNITED STATES REGARDING THE NEW AND FULL NOTIFICATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION (AUSTRIA)¹

The following communication, dated and received on 24 January 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States.

The United States appreciates the European Union's 2021 subsidy notification regarding subsidy programs in Austria and poses the following questions regarding programs contained in the notification.

Question 1

- a. For the program entitled "UPPER AUSTRIAN PROGRAMME FOR INNOVATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 2020", how does the program encourage export? Are incentives tied to the ability of recipient companies to export?
- b. Please explain how this program is consistent with Article 3 of the SCM agreement?

Question 2

- a. For the program entitled "UPPER AUSTRIAN PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT INNOVATIVE SKILLS FOR SME", what training is provided to focus on exports? Are only exporters eligible for this training incentive?
- b. Please explain how this program is consistent with Article 3 of the SCM agreement?

¹ G/SCM/N/372/EU/Add.1